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TO: Early Intervention Services Contractors and Providers
School Districts
Family Resources Coordinators
State Interagency Coordinating Council
SICC Committees

cc: DDD Administration and Region Offices
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Sandy L. Morris, Program Director
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SUBJECT: **GUIDELINES AND CLARIFICATION ON BILLING PRIVATE INSURANCE**

PURPOSE: Many local service providers are billing private insurance. They have requested guidelines and clarification regarding how, and under what circumstances, they may continue to bill and be in compliance with Part C.

BACKGROUND: Private insurance is one of the private funding sources for early intervention programs in Washington. Medical/therapy services and equipment billed for early intervention services may include families paying deductibles and co-payments. Private insurance is an entitled medical and health care service to the family based on individual coverage and insurance policy.

WHAT'S NEW, CHANGED, OR CLARIFIED: Early intervention programs should continue to bill private insurance for early intervention services which may include the family paying a deductible or co-pay. This is also the case for early intervention services defined in Part C because all existing resources must be used before Part C funds can be accessed.

Private insurance, co-pay and deductibles are part of the current funding sources to carry out a common cause (i.e., early intervention services).



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Part C must be maintained as payor of last resort. However, billing private insurance for Part C services must not pose a “realistic threat that families will incur a “financial loss.”

ACTION:

If private insurance is used to pay for family resources coordination, evaluations, IFSP development, or Child Find, and a deductible or co-payment is charged to the family, Part C funds, as payor of last resort, must be used to cover the deductible or co-payment for these services. This does not include services which are medically-based.

For children receiving a free appropriate public education (FAPE) from school districts or paid for by school districts providing birth to three services, co-pay and deductibles may not be charged for those services.

**RELATED
REFERENCES:**

Federal Register CFR 303, Part H, July 30, 1993, which support the above guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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